



**House Insurance Committee
February 17, 2016
Testimony of Michigan Association of Health Plans on SB 150**

MAHP has worked with Senator O'Brien on SB 150 and we are supportive, with a suggested amendment.

MAHP members historically oppose additional mandates on Health insurers that are an unnecessary barrier to best practices in health care. Currently there is nothing in the Insurance Code or the Public Health Code that would prohibit medication synchronization from occurring today. In fact several pharmacies are currently synchronizing medications for patients today without this mandate. This legislation, as currently written excludes the payer's health insurer from involvement in a medication synchronization program.

We would hereby suggest amending the bill in the following way, underlined below:

(A) THE INSURED OR ENROLLEE, THE INSURED'S OR ENROLLEE'S PHYSICIAN, THE INSURER OR HMO, AND A PHARMACIST AGREE THAT SYNCHRONIZING THE INSURED'S OR ENROLLEE'S MULTIPLE MAINTENANCE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR THE TREATMENT OF A CHRONIC LONG-TERM CARE CONDITION IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE INSURED OR ENROLLEE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OR TREATMENT OF A CHRONIC LONG-TERM CARE CONDITION.

MAHP is happy to work with the Sponsor on the Committee to ensure that payers are included in the process for the benefit of the patient.

Sincerely,

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